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1. YOU ARE REQUESTED TO APPROCH DE NAZELLE (OR OTHER APPROPRIATE MFA OFFICIAL) AND CONVEY USG APPRECIATION FOR INFORMATION REPORTED IN REFS A AND C. YOU MAY WANT TO INDICATE THAT WE CONSIDER SUCH CONSULTATIONS EXTREMELY USEFUL FROM THE STANDPOINT OF OUR MUTUAL NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES, PARTICULARLY WITH RESPECT TO PROPOSED OR SUSPECTED TRANSFERS TO SENSITIVE COUNTRIES AND REGIONS AND RELATED DEVELOPMENTS AFFECTING THESE AREAS. YOU MIGHT IN ADDITION EXPRESS OUR HOPE THAT THIS CONSULTATIVE SPIRIT CAN BE MAINTAINED AND IMPROVED.

2. YOU ARE ALSO REQUESTED TO GIVE OUR SUBSTANTIVE COMMENTS TO THE FRENCH, AS SUGGESTED IN THE FOLLOWING TALKING POINTS:

--WE GREATLY APPRECIATE CONTINUED GOF READINESS TO PREVENT KOREA AND TAIWAN FROM ACQUIRING REPROCESSING EQUIPMENT/

TECHNOLOGY. SUCH AN ACQUISITION, OF COURSE, WOULD BE VERY MUCH AGAINST OUR MUTUAL INTERESTS;

--WE DO NOT OBJECT TO THE TRANSFERS DESCRIBED IN YOUR REPORT OF APRIL 28;

--HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF YOUR REPORT OF JULY 15 AND THE INHERENTLY SENSITIVE CHARACTER OF ANY EQUIPMENT INTENDED FOR USE IN ANY OPERATION RELATED TO THE POST-IRRADIATION PHASE OF THE NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE, WE WOULD SUGGEST THAT IT MIGHT BE APPROPRIATE TO CONSIDER OBTAINING SPECIAL ASSURANCES IN CONNECTION WITH THESE TRANSFERS;

--SUCH SPECIAL BILATERAL CONTROLS WOULD PERHAPS BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL, IN ANY CASE, FOR ALL TRANSFERS OF THIS TYPE WHICH MAY NOT BE SUBJECT TO FREQUENT IAEA SAFEGUARDS INSPECTIONS AND MAY NOT BE COVERED BY THE RETRANSFER AND REPLICATION PROVISIONS OF THE SUPPLIER GUIDELINES;

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--IN A SOMEWHAT SIMILAR CASE INVOLVING THE PROPOSED TRANSFER OF A U.S. HOT CELL TO ROMANIA, THE UNITED STATES IS SEEKING EXPLICIT ROMANIAN ASSURANCES THAT IT WILL NOT BE USED FOR ANY REPROCESSING APPLICATION WITHOUT MUTUAL AGREEMENT;

--FRANCE MAY WISH TO CONSIDER APPLYING SIMILAR MEASURES WITH RESPECT TO ITS TRANSFERS TO KOREA;

--IT REMAINS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR US TO ENSURE THAT KOREA AND TAIWAN DO NOT ACQUIRE ANY REPROCESSING CAPABILITIES, AND WE WOULD APPRECIATE GOF'S CONTINUING TO KEEP CLOSE WATCH ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THESE COUNTRIES TO PRECLUDE THEIR ACQUISITION OF SENSITIVE NUCLEAR EQUIPMENT OR TECHNOLOGY.

3. FYI. IN VIEW OF REFS B AND C DISCLOSURES THAT KOREA MAY HAVE RETAINED ITS REPROCESSING AMBITIONS, WE WOULD PREFER THAT FRENCH ESTABLISH ARRANGEMENTS WITH KOREANS WHICH WOULD GIVE SOME GUARANTEE THAT FRENCH HOT LAB WOULD NOT BE MODIFIED FOR, OR DISASSEMBLED FOR COMPONENT ADAPTATION TO, ANY INDIGENOUS KOREAN REPROCESSING ACTIVITY. END FYI. ROBINSON

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